

Journey with us through the heart of the Deep South. We'll motorcoach to Memphis, TN, where you will experience the excitement and entertainment of famous Beale Street. Then, spend a day aboard Amtrak's City of New Orleans Superliner Train. Sit back and relax in your wide, comfortable seat and enjoy scenery that you just don't see from the interstate—quaint small towns, family farms, and woodlands draped in Spanish moss. In New Orleans, we will stay three nights at a lovely hotel located right next to the French Quarter. We'll tour the city, visit the renowned WWII Museum, take an interesting swamp boat tour, visit an Antebellum home, and have dinner in the French Quarter. You'll experience a delightful USO-style show and buffet luncheon at the WWII Museum's Stage Door Canteen. Don't miss this terrific southern adventure!

# **ITINERARY**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29:** As we travel south aboard our comfortable motorcoach, we will stop in Nashville for a delicious southern buffet luncheon. We will arrive in Memphis by late afternoon and check in to the Hampton Inn Beale Street. The remainder of the day and evening is yours to enjoy the many fine restaurants and entertainment venues that Beale Street has to offer. This is Memphis at its best! (L)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30: After your included continental breakfast at the hotel, we'll board the City of New Orleans Superliner for a fun day of rail travel. You'll have a comfortable, reserved coach seat and be able to enjoy the views from large windows. The train offers a unique dining experience in the Cross Country Café, where you'll find a wide variety of delicious regional cuisine, with vegetarian options, to satisfy your tastes, as you "ride the rails." Today, we'll travel through the heart of "Dixie" and experience unique and charming southern sights and scenery. By late afternoon, we'll arrive in the Crescent City of New Orleans, to board a deluxe motorcoach that will provide our transportation for the remainder of the trip. We will check in to the La Quinta Inn Downtown for three nights. Your hotel is just two blocks from the famous French Quarter, where we will enjoy a fine dinner this evening. You'll have several choices of New Orleans-style cuisine. Later, you may wish to stroll the French Quarter and hear the great music for which it is known. (CB, D)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1: With a local guide, we'll tour the city and see Jackson Square, St. Louis Cathedral, and the Garden District. We'll travel along the Mardi Gras parade route and learn about the city's famous carnival. You'll see lovely old buildings with beautiful iron lattice work, and hear about the Creole and Cajun culture, and the city's rich musical heritage. On our fascinating Swamp Boat Tour, you'll cruise along the most pristine swamplands in the U.S. Alligators and wild boars are most often seen, and there have been sightings of owls, bald eagles, and black bears. The guides are experts at finding the animals and explaining the ecosystem, legends, and mysteries. We may even see the Honey Island Swamp Monster! (B)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2: A full morning visit to the National World War II Museum is awe inspiring! The museum chronicles the war years and documents the heroic acts of our brave men and women. The theater is a wonderful, historical cinematic experience, narrated by Tom Hanks. Exhibits include the invasion of Normandy and the war in the Pacific. A highlight is our buffet luncheon, followed by a USO-style show in the museum's BB's Stage Door Canteen! This afternoon, we will visit Houmas House Mansion. The grand antebellum home is called the "Crown Jewel of Louisiana's River Road." The mansion has been lovingly restored, and the 38 acres of gardens, fountains, and live oak trees are magnificent! (B, L)

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3:** Today, we will head north and arrive in Memphis, TN by mid-afternoon. We will stop to tour historic Sun Records, where Elvis, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, Carl Perkins, and many more music stars began their careers. Later, we will check into the comfortable Hampton Inn. (B)

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4:** We will return home today with happy memories of a terrific southern vacation. (B)

**Included Meals:** Continental Breakfast (CB), Breakfast (B), Lunch (L), and (D) Dinner

## **HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS**

- Transportation via deluxe motorcoach
- One day train transportation with reserved coach seat
- Five nights hotel accommodations
- All sightseeing and admissions, as mentioned
- Eight meals: 1 continental breakfast, 4 breakfasts, 2 lunches, and 1 dinner
- All taxes and gratuities on included features
- · Hotel luggage handling
- Services of a Professional Tour Director

### **PROVIDENT TRAVEL PRICE\***

Double\$1,399	)
Single	)
Triple/Quad\$1,299	)
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Based on double occupancy. Tour operated by Provident Travel.

**DEPOSIT:** \$250 per person, due at time of booking

FINAL PAYMENT: Due by July 22, 2019

#### **CANCELLATION:**

6/1/19-7/22/19	\$100 Per Person
7/23/19-Departure	100% of the Package Price

We strongly recommend travel protection. Inquire at time of booking for options and pricing.

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